

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

Meet the Safeguarding Team



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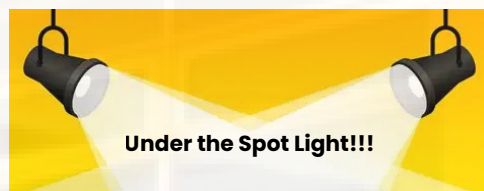
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My name is Mrs Richards, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new Designated Safeguarding Lead here at Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School.

It's been a truly lovely first half term. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our wonderful students, dedicated staff, and supportive families.

From day one, I've felt incredibly welcomed, and I'm grateful for the kindness and encouragement shown to me as I've settled into the school community.

At Stuart Bathurst, safeguarding is not just a responsibility, it's a reflection of our Catholic values. We are guided by the principles of love, compassion, dignity, and respect for every individual. Inspired by the teachings of Christ, we strive to create a safe, nurturing environment where every child feels valued, protected, and empowered to flourish.

I would like to use this safeguarding newsletter as a way to keep parents and carers informed of any important updates, messages, or developments related to student welfare and safety. It's vital that we work together in partnership to ensure our young people are supported both in and out of school

I look forward to working closely with you all to ensure that safeguarding remains at the heart of everything we do. Together, we can continue to build a culture of care, trust, and openness— one where every voice is heard and every concern is taken seriously.

If you ever have any questions, worries, or simply want to talk, please don't hesitate to reach out. My door is always open.

Wishing you all a restful, safe, and joyful half term.

Operation Encompass: Supporting Our Students Together

We're proud to share that Stuart Bathurst Catholic High School is part of the Operation Encompass scheme that helps support children affected by domestic abuse. If police are called to an incident involving one of our students, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is informed before the next school day. This allows us to offer timely, confidential care and support. We understand that every child's experience is unique, and our response is always guided by compassion, confidentiality, and care. Being part of this scheme strengthens our commitment to safeguarding and reflects our Catholic values of love, dignity, and protection for the vulnerable.

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Safeguarding Ambassadors: Welcoming Year 7 Soon!

Our existing team of Safeguarding Ambassadors will begin recruiting new members from Year 7 after the half term. This is a fantastic opportunity for younger students to get involved in promoting safety, kindness, and support across our school community.

All current ambassadors have recently completed Level One Safeguarding Training, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to help create a safe and welcoming environment for all students. They play an important role in raising awareness, offering peer support, and helping others know where to turn if they need help.

If your child is in Year 7 and interested in joining, more information will be shared in tutor time after the break.



Supporting Student Wellbeing: Resources for Parents

We know that student wellbeing is a shared responsibility between home and school. Below are some trusted websites offering advice, tools, and support for parents and carers:

YOUNGMINDS



Young Minds – Mental health support and guidance for children and teens www.youngminds.org.uk

NSPCC – Advice on keeping children safe from abuse, online risks, and mental health concerns



Childline – Free, confidential support for children and young people www.childline.org.uk



Kooth – Online counselling and emotional wellbeing support for young people www.kooth.com



MindEd for Families – Expert guidance on child mental health for parents www.minded.org.uk

Staying safe around Halloween and Bonfire Night

We want everyone to go out and enjoy the festivities of Halloween and Bonfire Night, but this can be a worrying time for those most vulnerable in our communities. Before your child heads out with their mates, be sure to talk to them about how to respect others and how to get help if they find themselves in trouble.



October Half term

This is a message from West Midlands Police for parents and carers about robbery, antisocial behaviour, and personal safety for young people.

Police and schools across the West Midlands are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of robbery and violent crime. We also want to reduce antisocial behaviour around fireworks, especially in the darker nights.

As we head into October half term, we are urging everyone to talk to their child about staying safe over Halloween and Bonfire Night.

We have seen an increase in criminals targeting young people who carry iPhones, wireless headphones or digital devices. Thieves are forcing young people to log out of their iCloud to prevent the phone being tracked after it's stolen. By enabling two-factor authentication on iCloud or your child's phone, can make thieves lose interest in taking their phone.

Increasing the security on your child's iPhone and iPad:

1. Firstly, talk to your child about enabling two-factor authentication on their devices to help keep them, and their phones, safe from theft and exploitation.
2. Reassure them that turning on location and enabling better privacy settings allows them to communicate with their friends and family safely and securely.
3. Turn on two-factor authentication for your child's Apple Account: On your iPhone or iPad: Go to Settings > [your name] > Sign-In & Security. Tap Turn on Two-Factor Authentication. Then tap Continue and follow the onscreen instructions.
4. Discuss with your child who they would like to add to their 'trusted contact list' and encourage them to save these numbers in their emergency contacts list in case they get into trouble.
5. Add your child's devices to your 'Family' by heading to your Apple ID settings and adding the devices.
6. From the 'Family' group you can enable content and privacy restrictions and two-factor authentication, as well as location sharing.

For further information visit: [Use parental controls on your child's iPhone and iPad - Apple Support](#)

If your child has an Android phone there are additional security settings, you can put in place to make sure the location of their phone and data is secure. Visit your phone provider website for further crime prevention advice.

